

Subject: V.BANKA, Rep. # 3

DATE : 3 Dec 1963

SOURCE : M

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1. I saw Subject at the latter's home on 1 Dec 1963 at 19.30 hrs. Subject told him that he went to the meeting with DULBOTENKO and expressed his dissatisfaction with the latter because he tried to "overwhelm him with cheap propaganda". Subject met B at 15.30 and they talked in a restaurant between the 70th and 69th Str along West End Ave till 18.15 hrs. They had only some soft drinks.
2. Subject told M that he promised B not to write any political stuff against the Soviet Union. They will meet again on 6 Dec 1963 at 15.00 hrs at the Subway Station at 72nd St and Broadway. Subject plans to get rid then of Oleksiy and break all connections.
3. B told Subject that he knew very well DRACH who was a friend of his. DRACH lacks several fingers on his right hand. B also mentioned that when during a recent campaign against young writers and poets, at a meeting of the Union of Ukrainian Writers in Kiev, DRACH and others were strongly criticized by their elderly colleagues, the young poets and writers themselves sat on the side and ridiculed "the old ones". They did not take seriously the critique and regarded it with disdain.
4. B was told about SHEVELOV also in connection with preparation for the Slavonic Congress in Sofia last September. Some Soviet Slavists mentioned to him that Prof SHEVELOV was slated to participate in it.
5. All employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kiev - according to B - are Ukrainian. Yevheniy EVTUSHENKO is the liaison official between the Foreign Ministry in Moscow and that in Kiev. He goes often to Moscow. Recently remarkably increased the prerogatives of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry. They can, for instance, correspond directly with Foreign Offices of

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6. B attacked very strongly "Homin Ukrainy" in Toronto, Canada.
7. B knew personally composer DAMEVYCH of Lvov.
8. The United States for B is something really great and he is delighted with this country. In his opinion many a Soviet citizen thinks of America as something beyond his imagination capable to satisfy everybody's needs and make everyone happy.
9. B refused to give to Subject his son's address.

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